

# ART DIRECTOR/GRAPHIC DESIGNER 6453 N. BOSWORTH • CHICAGO, IL 60626

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#### SUMMARY

Advertising and design professional with visual expertise in providing materials for industries such as; retail, consumables, consumer electronics, healthcare, and education. A creative problem solver who uses strategic leadership and presentation skills to produce work to its highest caliber.

### **EDUCATION**

BFA in Graphic Design, Kendall College of Art and Design

## **EXPERIENCE**

## FREELANCE ART DIRECTOR

#### TWENTY TWO 7/2007 - PRESENT

- Executed wireframes and prototypes of landing pages and websites for various clients.
- Utilize design expertise to lead projects in advertising for print, digital and social media, publishing, packaging, collateral, corporate identity, and branding. Clients include; AARP, Walmart, Toyota, McDonald's, Hilton, National Geographic, The March of Dimes and Comcast.
- Interface with clients to assist with creative concept development and execution. Accelerated understanding of client's culture by analyzing competitors to develop the most effective design strategy possible.
- Responsible for developing RFPs and obtaining and evaluating quotes for various projects based on specific
  job specifications.

## ART DIRECTOR

#### MADDEN COMMUNICATIONS 1/2015 - 2/2016

- Managed a team of 5 designers in the development of creative POS materials for MillerCoors.
- Created briefs, conducted presentations and maintained relationships with MillerCoors clients and stakeholders.
- Provided creative guidance to the design and production staff in the creation and execution of a variety of projects.
- Strong attention to detail and extensive knowledge of branding and strategy.

#### ART DIRECTOR/PROJECT MANAGER

#### SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION 3/2011 - 12/2014

- Designed in-store POS materials and digital elements for web and mobile for Kmart and their participating entertainment partners.
- Provided artistic direction to staff and outside vendors regarding Kmart's branding standards.
- Attended press checks to guarantee the quality of printed materials.
- Ensured brand standards adherence and consistency of work while simultaneously managing timelines and budgets.

## FREELANCE ART DIRECTOR

#### TIGHE EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHING 10/2009 – 6/2010

- Designed textbook layouts for agency's client National Geographic.
- Performed photo art direction, image editing and retouching of selects for layout placement.
- Communicated with staff and outside vendors to implement client's requested revisions.
- Managed a staff of production artists in the process of building layouts to ensure consistency of QA while utilizing best practices.

#### FREELANCE ART DIRECTOR

#### RR DONNELLEY 2/2009 - 6/2009

- Managed the artistic team in the production of Walmart's "Great Value" line of food packaging.
- Acting liaison between the agency's account staff and the Walmart creative team.
- Developed solutions for streamlining the production process of 4200 Walmart packaging SKUs.
- Successfully managed projects from inception to completion while ensuring all client expectations were met or exceeded.

## ART DIRECTOR

## AMBROSI AND ASSOCIATES 07/2000 - 7/2007

- Managed the internal team of six designers and also managed the relationships with outside vendors.
- Developed and produced comps and presentation boards for general consumer and business-to-business advertising, direct marketing, catalog, collateral, corporate identity.
- Represented the agency in on-site and Insite® digital press checks and photo art direction.
- Created layouts of preprints and ROPs for Sears, Craftsman Club and, OfficeMax.

SKILLS

Illustrator
InDesign
Photoshop
Dreamweaver
Word
Excel
Power Point
Keynote
Komodo Edit
Wordpress
After Effects
Muse
Adobe XD
Sketch

## LANGUAGES

